



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Meeting Agenda - Final

City Council

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Public Comment Provisions during COVID-19: The meeting will be live streamed. The link to the meeting can be found on the city website with the agenda and legislation at <https://www.allentownpa.gov>. Council will receive comments on the legislation prior to the meeting and will consider all comments from city residents. All comments must include your name and address, including your city, and be emailed to Michael.Hanlon@AllentownPa.gov by 2 PM on the date of the meeting. Comments can also be registered using the ecomment provision on each agenda item found on the city website. Comments received from city residents by that deadline will be forwarded to the Mayor and Council members prior to the meeting and will also be noted at Courtesy of the Floor or Public Comment periods of the meeting. These timely received comments will also be posted on the City's webpage as a supporting document to the meeting. Any comments received on the meeting day, after the 2:00 pm deadline, will be forwarded to the Mayor and Council as soon as practicable. In addition, if you would like to speak during the meeting, please send your name, address, including municipality, and telephone number to the email address above indicating what issue you would like to speak on or call the office at 610.437.7555 and do the same, and you will be called during the meeting.

Invocation

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Courtesy of the Floor

Courtesy and Privilege of the Floor Rules

Please observe the Rules of Council when addressing the body. A full copy of Council Rules can be found on the city website or by email if you contact Council office.

There are multiple opportunities to address Council. Individuals can speak during Courtesy of the Floor (addressing items not on the agenda) and during Bills and Resolutions on Final Passage and Introduction. When given the Floor, please go to the podium and state your name and address. All remarks must be directed towards the presiding officer or council as a body; not a particular Council member or elected official, the audience or city staff. Unless otherwise determined, individuals shall have three minutes to address council and individuals representing a bona-fide group shall have five minutes. Privilege of the Floor will not be extended for personal insults or personal attacks on any individual, name calling or other behavior that is inconsistent with the purpose and intent of conducting official business. Please address council as a body. Refrain from using offensive language, cursing and making noises while other people are speaking. Act with decorum. Remove your hat and turn cell phones off.

(Council Speaking Rules: Members and others given the privilege of the floor will address the Presiding Officer. The Presiding Officer will extend the courtesy to the Councilperson(s) responsible for introducing legislation the opportunity to speak first. Each member will have the right to speak twice on any subject. No Member will be allowed to speak more than twice on any subject without permission of the Presiding Officer. No Member will speak more than three (3) times on the question without the unanimous consent of all the Members present.

Public Comments

Attachments: [Public Comments](#)

Approval of Minutes:

September 2, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [September 2, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

Old Business

Communications

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

Proposed budget amendments are due in the Clerk's Office asap or no later than Friday, November 20. They will be distributed on the 25th, voted on at the November 30th meeting – and if all goes well the budget could be adopted on December 2nd rather than come in for a separate meeting on December 9th.

Budget and Finance: Chair Siegel, Guridy, Mota

The committee has not met since the last council meeting; agenda items are being worked in during the special budget meetings.

CEDC: Chair Guridy, Gerlach, Affa

The committee has not met since the last council meeting; agenda items are being worked in during the special budget meetings. We will be reviewing the CEDC budget next Monday, the 23rd at 5:30 PM at a special council meeting.

Human Resources, Administration and Appointments: Chair Gerlach, Mota, Zucal

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Parks and Recreation: Chair Mota, Gerlach, Siegel

The committee has not met since the last council meeting; agenda items are being worked in during the special budget meetings.

Public Safety: Chair Affa, Hendricks, Zucal

The committee has not met since the last council meeting; agenda items are being worked in during the special budget meetings. The Committee will be having a virtual meeting on December 2 at 4 PM to hear a presentation from two interns that have been working on some policing issues.

Public Works: Chair Zucal, Affa, Siegel

The committee has not met since the last council meeting; agenda items are being worked in during the special budget meetings.

Rules, Chambers, Intergovernmental Relations and Strategy: Chair Hendricks, Guridy, Gerlach

The committee has not met since the last council meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for November 23rd at 5 PM.

Controllers Report**Administration Report**

Controller Reports

Attachments: [P Card Review](#)

APPOINTMENTS:

Joan Nyemscek, Recreation, 1/20/2026

Rebecca Kiss, Recreation, 1/03/2026

Sharon Fraser, Human Relations, 12/21/2023

Rick Ortiz, Nuisance Abatement Board, 07/19/2023

Joan Nyemscek, Recreation Board, 01/03/2026

Attachments: [Joan Nyemscek, Recreation Board](#)

Rebecca Kiss, Recreation Board, 01/03/2026

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Ricardo Ortiz, Nuisance Abatement Board of Appeals, 07/19/2023

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Sharon Fraser, Human Relations Commission, 12/31/2023

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

The bills below were on the agenda of council's special meetings.

Bill 79

An Ordinance of the City of Allentown, County of Lehigh and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, revising Article 400.04 Department of Parks and Recreation Golf Course Fees increasing riding green fees by three dollars (\$3) and walking greens fees by two dollars (\$2) to increase revenue and stay competitively priced with other local golf courses.

Attachments: [Bill 79 Golf Fees](#)

Bill 80

An Ordinance of the City of Allentown, County of Lehigh and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, revising Article 400.05 Department of Parks and Recreation Fees.

Attachments: [Bill 80 Recreation Fees](#)

Bill 87

Amending Part 15, Fire Prevention Code, by adding Article 1504, Recovery of Fire and Rescue Service Costs and Article Nine, Section 398 Fire Fees, adding section 398.03 Recovery of Fire and Rescue Services Costs, and repealing all ordinances inconsistent herewith.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 87 Fire Service Cost Recovery Ordinance](#)

Bill 88

Amending the 2020 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) as a result of a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for Jordan Creek Greenway Trail construction.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 88 Jordan Creek Greenway Grant](#)

Bill 89

Amending the 2020 Capital Fund Budget and the 2020 General Fund by transferring Thirteen Thousand Six-Hundred Fifty-Eight (\$13,658) Dollars from the Aquatics program in the Department of Parks and Recreation, of the General Fund to Capital Project 2206 – Jordan Creek Greenway Trail.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 89 Jordan Creek Greenway Trail Transfer](#)

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

R138

\$7,500 in Golf Course for Asphalt to Repave the Parking lot at the Golf Course

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R138 Asphalt for Golf Course Parking Lot](#)

R139

Authorizes encroachment for six bollards at 4th & Linden (Lehigh County Prison)

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [LC PRISON BOLLARDS](#)
[LEHIGH COUNTY JAIL MAP](#)
[PRISON BOLLARDS APPLICATION](#)

R140

Certificates of Appropriateness for work in the Historic Districts:

407 N Refwal Street
811 W Gordon Street
1437 W Linden Street, and
1001-1149 Chew Street

Attachments: [R140 Certificate of Appropriateness As Nov 18](#)
[Final Reviews 4 HARB Projects](#)

R141

Transfer Approval: \$16,125 in Finance for Police Department for CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies) Accreditation Program.

Attachments: [R141 CALEA Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies Trar](#)
[Police Department would like to register for CALEA Accreditation Program](#)

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION (To be referred to Committee with public comment prior to referral)

RESOLUTIONS FOR INTRODUCTION (Can be voted on or Referred to Committee):

NEW BUSINESS

GOOD AND WELFARE

ADJOURN

Council meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of each month beginning at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers. For copies of the agenda or meeting announcements, please visit our website at www.allentownpa.gov or contact the Clerk at Michael.Hanlon@allentownpa.gov to receive an email notice of the meetings.